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CHANCE PREFERS FINE TO SPEEDING AUTO



Barney Oldfield and Frank Chance.

Frank Chance, who has returned to baseball as part owner and manager of the Los Angeles club, is a great speed enthusiast. He owns a big car that can reach a mark better than 85 miles an hour. On only two occasions has he asked a driver to slow up. One of these was when Barney Oldfield took him down a stretch of road near Pasadena at a gait exceeding 90 per. Another was when he was riding in a car from Boston to New York.

They were hitting up about 60 miles an hour when a motorcycle po-

liceman was spied chasing them.

"Shall I hit it up and lose him?" asked the driver.

"Sure," said Chance.

For miles they sped along at a fearful gait, dodging carriages and evading dangerous spots. Finally the car skidded around a corner, just missing the ditch.

"H'm," remarked Chance. "Let's slow up a bit."

They did so, and the copper came up with them. Chance said he would have gladly paid any fine rather than make such a trip again.

MANY ATHLETES IN FAMILY

Five Wilsons of Binghamton, N. Y., Scattered About Among Several Different Colleges.

American college sport has had many noted groups of brothers who have attained fame in one form of athletics or another besides the Poes of Princeton, the Joneses of Yale, and the Cutlers of Harvard. Now we must add the Wilsons of Binghamton, N. Y.; thus identified because no one college claims them—a family of athletes. There are five Wilsons—Tom, Alec, Marion, Kenneth and Donald.

"Tom" Wilson was guard at Lafayette one year and then played on the Princeton eleven in 1911 and 1912. During the past season he was line coach at Wisconsin, helping Bill Juneau. Alec Wilson, the next brother, was the 1915 captain and quarterback at Yale. Marion Wilson was one of the ends at Princeton, though not in the first string, and is said to be a wonder in receiving forward passes. Kenneth, the fourth brother, was on the scrub eleven at Exeter, and Don-



Capt. Alec Wilson.

ald, the youngest, was a substitute end on the Binghamton Central High school eleven. Kenneth also rows on the Exeter crew.

"Tom" Wilson is 6 feet in height and weighs 200 pounds; Alec is 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 196; Marion is 5 feet 11½ inches and weighs 150; Kenneth is 5 feet 10½ inches and weighs 160; and Donald is 5 feet 10½ inches and weighs 136. A rangy lot of brothers.

Use Aluminum Oars.

Stanford oarsmen are using aluminum oars in their preliminary rowing. The first, it is believed, to be used on the Pacific coast.

SPORTING WORLD

The St. Louis club will retain Bob Connery and Eddie Herr as scouts.

Catesby Woodford, president of the Kentucky Racing association, has resigned.

"Smoky Joe" Wood of the Red Sox is slated for release. President Lannin has asked for waivers.

The Boston club has received the signed contract of Catcher Walter Traggesser, the Jersey City recruit.

The Cincinnati club has withdrawn Catcher Wingo from the market, notwithstanding a big bid by Boston.

Marty McHale, who undoubtedly is a good singer, hopes to return to the big show this year and stay there.

If Hans Lobert plays ball as he did with the Phillies in 1913, the Giants will be dangerous pennant factors.

Kenneth R. Curtis, captain-elect of the Syracuse university track squad, has won about 115 medals in the last few years.

In the national amateur rackets championship at the Boston Racket club G. A. Thorne of Chicago was victorious.

Another harbinging that generally beats the first robin to it—as it has this year—is the early-blooming pennant claim.

Ray Demmitt, outfielder, formerly with the Chicago White Sox, has been signed by the Columbus American Association club.

Mike McDevitt is putting in his spare time breaking and educating seven yearlings by Peter Mc., and he says they are born trotters.

It is said that if a ball player is put on the national commission he will be only a figurehead. A cipher is probably the figure meant.

Miss Elaine Rosenthal of Chicago is Florida state golf champion, having defeated Miss Witherbee of Port Henry, 9 to 3, at Palm Beach.

One of the reasons, perhaps, for the decline of the Cleveland Indians is the unusual interest manifested in semi-professional baseball in that city.

Fielder Jones has notified George Stielor, who plays everything, including penny ante, that he will be used on the emulience exclusively next season.

BECKER A FREE AGENT

Outfielder Has Worn Uniform of Several Big Clubs.

First Secured by Pittsburgh Pirates and Farmed Out for More Experience—Was Traded for Manager Charlie Herzog.

When the Phillies declared Beals Becker a free agent they turned loose one of the best-known outfielders in the National league. Fred Clarke got him his first position in the majors, but at that time Beals lacked experience and was soon farmed out by the Pirates. He improved came back and played for the Braves, the Giants, the Reds and the Phillies. He was twenty-nine years old last July.

Becker broke into the big show at Pittsburgh. He was born at Eldorado, Kan., on July 5, 1886, stands 5 feet 9 inches tall, and his playing weight is about 175 pounds. He is a left-handed batter and thrower, and during his bush league days did some pretty good work as a southpaw pitcher.

Becker's first professional engagement was in 1905, when he wore a Little Rock uniform in the Southern association. He drifted to Wichita, Kan., in the Western Association, from which team he was bought by the Pirates in the fall of 1907. Becker played in the outfield at Wichita and also pitched ten games, winning five of them.

After being tried out by Fred Clarke in the spring of 1908, Beals was sent back to his old romping ground in Little Rock. His next appearance in the majors was in 1909, when he be-



Beals Becker.

came a member of the Boston club, but before the opening of the next season Becker was traded to the New York Giants in exchange for Charlie Herzog and William Collins.

About two years later the Giants tried to send Becker back to the minors, but Cincinnati refused to waive and thus secured his services for the waiver price. In June of 1913 the Reds swapped Becker to the Phillies for Johnny Dodge. The outfielder remained with the Quakers until recently, when it was announced he had been given an unconditional release. Perhaps he will next be heard from at Brooklyn, Chicago or St. Louis, the three teams in the National league that have not yet carried him on their roster.

Bar the American Jockeys.

The employment of American jockeys on Hungarian race tracks has virtually been stopped through a resolution proposed by the Hungarian Jockey club, which excludes foreign jockeys from all races in which the stakes are below 20,000 crowns. The resolution is worded so as to effect "foreigners," but Americans are the only foreigners riding on Hungarian tracks since English and French jockeys were expelled or interned.

Nashville Secures Ellam.

Nashville, to secure Roy Ellam from Birmingham to manage the Volunteers, gave up Catcher Red Smith and a sum in cash.

New York Boxing Referees.

The New York state boxing commission referee staff is made up of 45 officials.

Stevens Goes to Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis club announces the purchase of Catcher C. E. Stevens, who was with Tacoma last year.

DIARY OF A PATROL

Officer Tells of Reconnoitering Duty at Night.

Company Commander Sends Him Out With Squad to Find Out if There Are Any Germans Opposite—Dislikes Commander.

London.—One of the many little magazines published by the soldiers contains the following extract from the diary of an officer commanding a reconnoitering patrol in France:

6 p. m.—Waked from sound sleep.

6:15 p. m.—Met company commander. Told him I didn't believe any Germans opposite. Company commander said in that case I was just the man he wanted, and would I go across at 9:30 p. m. and find out.

9:30 p. m.—Said I would think about it.

6:32 p. m.—Went to think about it in secluded spot.

6:50 p. m.—Still thinking in secluded spot.

6:55 p. m.—Thought I might have left unsaid remark to company commander about no Germans.

7 p. m.—Went to tell off patrol.

7:15 p. m.—Patrol went to think it over in secluded spot (same one).

7:25 p. m.—Observed with telescope four Germans in trenches opposite. Seemed to be large, cheerful men.

7:30 p. m.—Went to think it over in secluded spot.

7:35-8 p. m.—Pretended to eat hearty dinner. Asked company commander whether patrol was necessary, in view of four Germans seen by me. Company commander said four Germans probably caretaker, wife, and two children looking up for the night. Dislike company commander.

8:40 p. m.—Noticed one of patrol writing on black-edged notepaper. Said it was his last will and testament, and would I censor it, as he wished to send it off tonight.

8:45-9 p. m.—Discussed weapons with patrol. Company commander lent me his Colt automatic pistol and explained mechanism.

9:05 p. m.—Let off Colt accidentally. Severely frightened company commander. Felt happier.

9:15-35 p. m.—Enemy's evening "hate."

9:40 p. m.—Went to look for patrol.

9:45 p. m.—Found patrol whistling "Dead March" in unison. Tell patrol we will wait a bit.

9:50 p. m.—Tell patrol I thought we would start.

9:55 p. m.—Tell patrol we ought to start.

10 p. m.—We must start.

10:05 p. m.—Company commander came and asked why we hadn't started. Produced Colt as if to load.

10:08 p. m.—Company commander noticed Colt, and pretended adjutant wanted him on telephone.

10:10 p. m.—Patrol started. Night very dark.

11:30 p. m.—Fall into large shell hole getting over parapet. Loss company commander's Colt, probably at bottom of shell hole. Felt happier. Company bomber suggests I should carry the bombs, as am now unarmed. Reprove company bomber for talking. Tread on our listening patrol, all five of us. Listening patrol annoyed. Reprove listening patrol for swearing. Reach our wire front line. Curious smell. Crawl under wire into decaying cow. Remove portions of dead cow from my face. Patrol complain of smell of dead cow. Corporal suggests more open formation, Patrol in succession from the right, fall into disused trench full of water. Fell myself. My orderly reports his rifle lost. Reprove him for carelessness. Find I have lost my own rifle. Prolonged search for rifles. Ask corporal whether he knows way back. Answer in the negative. Collect opinions of

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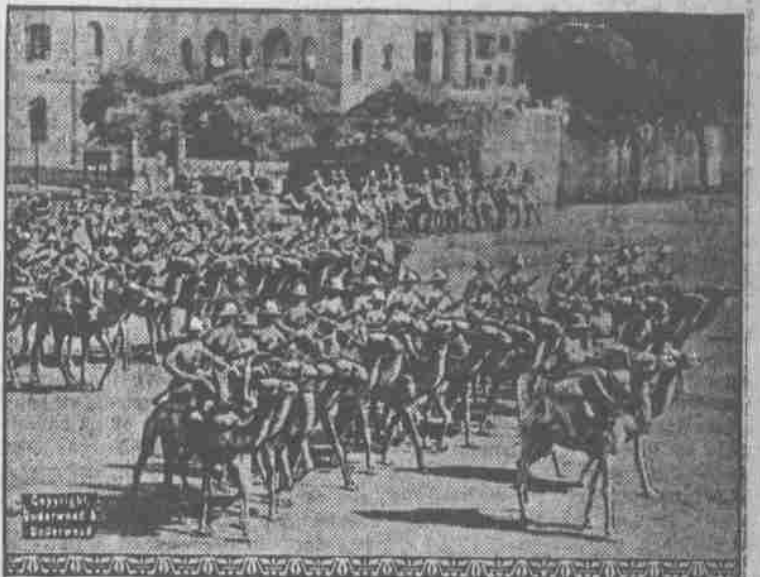
Austrian Airman When Flying at Height of 4,800 Feet Thought He Met His Double.

Vienna.—Lieutenant Panitza of the Austrian flying corps has reported here the curious phenomenon experienced in a recent flight on the lonso front of meeting his double at a height of 4,800 feet in the air. The incident occurred about four o'clock on a moderately clear, sunny afternoon.

After emerging from a cloud bank at the height of almost a mile he observed another aeroplane coming toward him at great speed. He tilted his vertical planes sharply to go below the approaching machine, and it did the same. He then noticed that the machine was the counterpart of his own and that the pilot was a reflection of himself. As he apparently met it in collision he reports a distinct physical shock from a stratum of cold air.

The explanation given by scientific men here is merely that there was a vertical stratum of cold air behind the

CAMEL REGIMENT LEAVING CAIRO



This is a part of one of the camel regiments which the British have concentrated at Cairo, together with great numbers of other soldiers, to frustrate the threatened attempt of the Germans and Turks to invade Egypt.

patrol as to direction of our lines. Patrol quite positive on four points of the compass. (One each.) Take my own line. Fall over trip wire into several tin cans. Suspect corporal of using bad language about me. Order corporal to lead the way. Corporal falls over another wire into goldonda of tin cans. Swear at corporal. Decide to lie low and listen. Do so. Distinctly hear Private Jones imploring to be allowed to shoot. Platoon sergeant inclined to think it safer to shoot first and inquire afterwards. Recollect telling platoon sergeant that was the thing to do. Shout. Platoon sergeant answers. Saved. Rally patrol, and fall over parapet on to fixed bayonet.

11:45 p. m.—My servant brings me rum in my dugout. Notice he is wearing respirator. Discover a good deal of dead cow still adhering.

12:30 to 2:15 a. m.—Write report to headquarters. "Distance covered by patrol estimated at five hundred yards. German trenches overcrowded. Object of patrol attained, etc."

3 a. m.—Went to observe path of patrol by daylight. Distance appears less than it seemed at night.

3 a. m.—Fetch company commander and ask him how far it is. Company commander says about 50 yards. Dislike company commander. Company commander asks for his Colt. Feel happier.

3:30 a. m.—Retire to sleep.

4 a. m.—Waked by company commander who asks me if I realize that I am on duty till 8 a. m. The company commander be—"Strafered."

BUYS ART GEM FOR A SONG

United States Consul Pays Fifteen Dollars for Picture Worth Thousands.

Winnipeg, Ont.—Frederick M. Ryder, American consul-general at Winnipeg, will soon be \$2,485 richer.

He picked up an old oil painting in a local auction room for which he paid \$15. On the advice of several authorities on old masterpieces Ryder had it valued and has been offered \$2,500 for it. It is believed to be worth thousands of dollars more than that figure.

The picture is the work of Philipp Peter Roos, who lived in the seventeenth century.

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Leavenworth, Kan.—Musty records of a local church and its cemetery, and its faded roll of a school conducted here in 1893 is given in evidence here in the hearing before a commissioner appointed by the federal court in the so-called "Tommy Atkins" oil suit. The United States government is seeking to revert to the Creek tribe one of the richest allotments of oil-bearing property in Oklahoma. Interests in control of the land claim that it was obtained from a woman known as "Indian Minnie," whose son, Tommy Atkins, owned the property by virtue of tribal allotment.

To Wear Simple Colors. Washington.—One hundred thousand members of the Women's Made-in-America league have been asked to "wear simple colors" to conserve the supply of American-made dyes, which are in great demand as a result of the lack of German dyes.

Enrolling Baldheads. Winsted, Conn.—The president of the Baldhead club of America, with headquarters here, has started enrolling all members of congress eligible to membership.

WIFE HAS MOVING MANIA

Husband Declares He Was Notified by Telephone Where He Was to Dine.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Pearl Van Buskirk has a mania for moving, and has changed the domicile of herself and husband twenty-two times during the seven years they have been married, according to an answer filed in the superior court by E. Van Buskirk, cashier for a wholesale grocery firm.

Van Buskirk replied to a divorce complaint recently filed by his wife, in which she charges him with cruelty.

In his answer Van Buskirk says that he frequently went to his work in the morning with no intention of an impending change of abode, but that later in the day he would receive a telephone message from his wife announcing that his dinner would be served at a new address. He also accuses her of moving mania.

WEALTH REWARDS COURAGE

Man Who Saved Settler From Indians Forty Years Ago Gets Fortune.

Kokomo, Ind.—John W. Boyer, seventy-five years old, has received notice from an attorney at Independence, Kan., that he has inherited a large farm and thousands of dollars' worth of stock from the estate of a wealthy Kansas farmer, John Westfall, who died ten years ago. Fifty years ago Boyer surprised and, single-handed, drove away a band of Indians attacking the home of Westfall, then a poverty-stricken settler, saving Westfall, his wife and daughter.

Westfall, on his deathbed, requested his family to reward Boyer, it is said, and Westfall's daughter, who died recently, had instructed her attorney to carry out her father's request.